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LIFE OF MADAME SOPHIE KOVALEVSKY; PROFESSOR OF
HIGHER ANALYSIS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM.

Those who have not read the *Souvenirs de Sophie Kovalevsky*, by her friend Madame EDGREN-LEFFLER, will be glad to be referred to an article in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* (May 15, 1894) under the title "La Rançon de la Gloire," which gives a sketch of the private, as well as of the public, life of this woman of genius.

Her memoirs have been printed, at her own request, in order that those who knew only the outer facts of her career and its immense successes in the field of pure mathematics, might be able to judge her life in its totality. Her own final verdict was: "Les travaux scientifique ne donnent pas la joie, et ne font pas avancer l'humanité. C'est folie d'y perdre sa jeunesse; c'est un vrai malheur que d'avoir le don des sciences, en particulier pour une femme, qui est alors poussée de force dans une sphère d'activité où elle ne peut pas trouver le bonheur."

Her memoirs appeal to a wider public than that which wishes to follow the development of the mathematical talent of a great mind. The conclusion of her biographer is well expressed in the words of another woman of genius: * "La gloire, pour une femme, n'est jamais que le deuil éclatant du bonheur."

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MERIDIAN CIRCLE OBSERVATIONS AT THE LICK OBSERVATORY,
JULY, 1893, TO JULY, 1894.

The meridian circle has been employed during the past year mainly in the observation of a list of 125 stars selected by Professor HOLDEN from the *American Ephemeris, Connaissance de Temps*, and *Nautical Almanac*. These are stars not included in the Berlin *Jahrbuch*, and are to be reduced with stars from the last as standard.

Four observations have been made of each star in one position of the instrument, and will be repeated in the reversed position.

Six hundred observations have been made of the stars of the B. J. selected by Professor AUWERS, in the belt from -10° to $+15^{\circ}$ Declination to serve as fundamentals, and 450 observations of the circumpolar stars of the same list.

* Madame de Staël.